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Parents wait for news about a shooting rampage at Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. At least 17 people were killed.

‘There really are no words’

Ex-student
arrested in
fatal spree at
high school

By **Audra D.S. Burch**
and **Patricia Mazzei**
NEW YORK TIMES

PARKLAND, Fla. — A heavily armed young man barged into a high school about an hour northwest of Miami on Wednesday, opening fire on terrified students and teachers and leaving a death toll of 17 that could rise even higher, authorities said.

Students huddled in horror in their classrooms, with some of them training their cellphones on the carnage, capturing



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sprawled bodies, screams and gunfire that began with a few shots and then continued with more and more.
The dead included students

and adults, some of whom were shot outside the school and others inside the sprawling three-story building.
The gunman was armed with

a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle.
Nikolas Cruz, 19, who had been expelled from the school, was arrested in the shootings,
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tend to a
victim
outside the
school. A
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student who'd
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**Cain
cites
Uresti's
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at fraud**

Co-defendant
on witness stand

By **Guillermo Contreras**
and **Patrick Danner**
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A consultant being tried with state Sen. Carlos Uresti over the pair's roles at a start-up oilfield services company testified Wednesday that the lawmaker was angry that an investor he recruited was being defrauded.

But two different spins were put on the testimony of Gary Cain, who spent the morning of the 15th day of the trial being grilled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Roomberg — largely over when Cain and Uresti knew there was fraud being committed at the start-up, FourWinds Logistics.

FourWinds was formed in early 2014 during the oil boom to sell sand used in fracking for oil, but it collapsed into bankruptcy in 2015 amid allegations that investors were defrauded.

Cain contracted with FourWinds to help bring in lender capital in September 2014 but “walked out” of FourWinds amid the turmoil in May 2015.

Cain maintained it wasn't until early 2016 — several months after he parted ways with FourWinds — that he learned the full scope of how officials there mishandled investor funds.

But Roomberg hammered away with questions meant to try to show jurors that Cain was not being truthful, and that Cain actually knew about the fraud a month after con-
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**District 21 isn't short
on GOP candidates**

By **Jasper Scherer**
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A few days after the release of 21st congressional district candidate Robert Stovall's first TV campaign ad, a nod to President Donald Trump that featured the former Bexar County GOP chairman standing knee-deep in an actual swamp, Stovall's campaign put on a fundraising reception at a ritzy North Side country club.

The “special guest” speaker at the late January reception: Brad Parscale, the digital architect of Trump's 2016 campaign and a longtime friend of Stovall's.

During a short speech, Par-

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scale conveyed at least one clear message: that Stovall's unflagging embrace of Trump was legit — thus setting him apart from the pack.

“When we first came down to San Antonio, Robert was one of the first people (who) was all in and said, ‘This man is going to help us do great things,’ ” Parscale said. “And at that point, a lot of people were scared to do that.”

In the 18-person GOP primary to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, the candidates

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**Trump rejects
bipartisan tries
to reach accord
on immigration**

By **Bill Lambrecht**
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump turned down bipartisan efforts to address immigration Wednesday, compounding efforts by the Senate to reach agreement in a week set aside to solve the crisis facing so-called Dreamers.

In a new bipartisan deal taking shape, some Democrats appeared ready to give the president the \$25 billion he wants for a border wall in exchange for restoring protections for young undocumented immigrants set to expire with



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**Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said of the issue:
“We can't hide, we can't run away from it.”**

the Trump-ordered end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

But the president's demand that Republicans heed his criteria for any legislation he would sign, including dramatic cuts in legal immigration, created new doubts about whether the Senate could reach consensus.

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